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strative experiments being reserved for presentation by the teacher. The selection of the subject matter, which is so arranged as to give the pupil every opportunity for exercising his own initiative, is such as to give a thorough elementary course. The expenditure for materials, the apparatus and the laboratory facilities demand only the minimum both in cost and quantity. The mechanical details of the book—size, binding and interleaving—are very commendable features. Wherever elementary chemistry of this grade is taught, this manual is entitled to every consideration as a text.

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D. Bernhard Rogge, *Der grosse Preussenkönig*. Edited with notes and vocabulary by W. A. Adams, Ph. D., Professor of German in Dartmouth College. D. C. Heath & Co. \$45.

"Der grosse Preussenkönig" is one of a series of twelve volumes entitled "Bilder aus Deutschlands Werdezeit." The series was prepared for young German readers and is written in quite simple style. The editor has slightly abridged the text.

Those who believe with the editor that simple tales make up too large a part of modern foreign language reading will be ready to welcome "Der grosse Preussenkönig", a text substantial in its content and fairly simple in its style. Events occurring since the appearance of this work have quickened interest in Prussia's political history. Many students will now be able to compare the military policy and contrast the diplomacy of Prussia past and Prussia present.

A fortunate element in the text is its gradually increasing difficulty. Anecdotes and personal experiences predominate in the narrative of Friedrich's youth. Then follows the somewhat monotonous chapter of medium difficulty (pages 26-68) chronicling Friedrich's military campaigns, then the interesting "König Friedrich's Regierung in den Jahren des Friedens" (pages 68-84) with more complicated grammatical constructions. Taken as a whole, however, the text is adapted for the beginning of the advanced stage of German language work rather than for the end of the intermediate stage, that is to say, it is of such difficulty that it lends itself more readily to the translation method than to direct treatment

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Unlike many recent texts, this one is not too heavily annotated. The initial note on Prussia could have been extended a little and made to include the notes on Friedrich Wilhelm I and Friedrich II, thus bringing conveniently together facts that otherwise lie disconnectedly in the footnotes. Certain notes are bald in their statements, e. g., page 2, note 2: "*Hugenottenfamilie*. Many Huguenots fled to Germany. A large colony of them came to the province of Brandenburg upon the invitation of the Great Elector." Only one actual error is to be noted; one, however, which few students will be likely to detect. The first note to page 12 makes a quotation from St. James' version of the Bible.

The vocabulary omits intentionally certain of the most common words. A few other words have been unintentionally omitted as *stammen* (p. 16, l. 10), *gewaltsam* (p. 20, l. 14), *Anwerbung* (p. 20, l. 14). In the place of the latter stands *Anmerkung* which is lacking in its proper place. The word *mehr* (p. 137) after *menschlich* should either have been excluded or printed in its proper place.

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Adolf Stern, *Die Wiedertäufer*. Historische Novelle. Edited with exercises, notes, and vocabulary by Frederick Bernard Sturm, Assistant Professor of German, State University of Iowa. Boston, D. C. Heath & Co., (1913). VIII + 173 pp. Cloth, 40 cents.

Eine spannende Erzählung; was sprachliche Schwierigkeiten anbelangt, mit Erfolg auf der Mittelstufe des Unterrichts zu verwenden. Der editorielle Apparat umfasst fünf Seiten Einleitung, zehn Seiten Fragen über den Inhalt und zwölf Seiten Anmerkungen, ist also nirgends überlastet. Die Anmerkung zu 88, 11 hätte etwas ausführlicher sein dürfen. In den Fragen sind folgende Verbesserungen anzubringen: VI, 20 (aufgebrochen), IX, 27 (gefasst), X, 9 (dies abgeschlagen oder verweigert), XI, 14 (über die Leute), XII, 17 (ein Schauer), XIV, 1 (Wegritt), 13 (dem Schäfer). Seite 41, Zeile 14 lies *auf deren Gesicht sich fast*; 58, 9 *verstörtem*; 84, 17 *dass*. Etwa ein halb Dutzend weitere Druckfehler